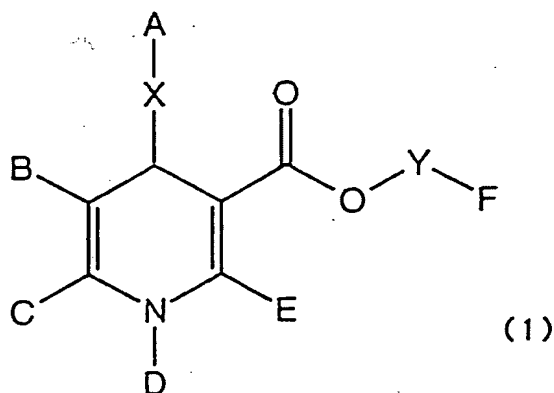


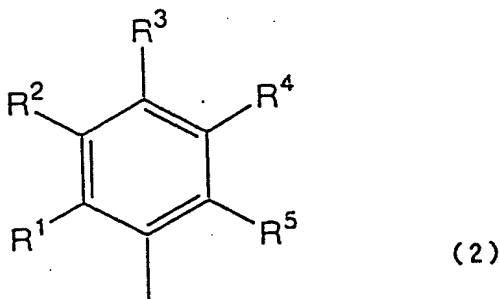
IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A dihydropyridine of formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



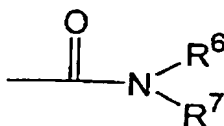
wherein A represents a group of formula (2), or 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, thiophene-3-yl, thiophene-2-yl, furan-3-yl, furan-2-yl, pyridine-4-yl, pyridine-3-yl, pyridine-2-yl, indole-2-yl or indole-3-yl group:



wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ may be the same or different from each other and each represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, carboxyl group, amino group, cyano group, nitro group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkenyl group, a lower alkynyl group, a lower alkylamino group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkanoyl

group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, a hydroxy-lower alkyl group, a hydroxy-lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy-lower alkenyl group, a halogeno-lower alkyl group, a halogeno-lower alkoxy group, a halogeno-lower alkenyl group, an aryl group, an aryl-lower alkoxy group or an aroyl group[[],];

B represents cyano group, carboxyl group, or a group of formula (3):



wherein R⁶ and R⁷ may be the same or different from each other and each represent hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an amino-lower alkyl group, an amino-lower alkyl group substituted with one or two lower alkyl groups, a carboxy-lower alkyl group, a hydroxy-lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an amino-lower alkenyl group, a carboxy-lower alkenyl group, a hydroxy-lower alkenyl group, an aryl group, a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ pyridyl group, a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ furyl group, an aryl-lower alkyl group, a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ pyridyl-lower alkyl group, a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ furyl-lower alkyl group, a ~~lower alkyl group substituted with a cyclic alkyl group which may have a hetero atom in the ring,~~ an aryl-lower alkenyl group, or an aryl-lower alkyloxycarbonyl-lower alkyl group; ~~or R⁶ and R⁷ may together form a ring which may contain a hetero atom and when the hetero atom is nitrogen atom, it may have a substituent,~~

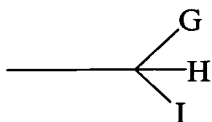
C and E may be the same or different from each other and each represent hydrogen atom; a lower alkyl group; dimethoxymethyl group; cyano group; a hydroxy-lower alkyl group; a carboxy-lower alkyl group; a halogeno-lower alkyl group; an amino-lower alkyl group, in which the amino group may be substituted with one or two of a lower alkyl group, a

lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or an aryl-lower alkyl group; an azido-lower alkyl group; an aryl group; a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ pyridyl group; a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ furyl group; an aryl-lower alkyl group; a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ pyridyl-lower alkyl group; a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ furyl-lower alkyl group; a ~~lower alkyl group~~ substituted with a cyclic alkyl group which may contain a hetero atom in the ring; a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ pyridyl-lower alkoxymethyl group; a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ furyl-lower alkoxymethyl group; a pyridinylethoxymethyl group; a ~~lower alkoxymethyl group~~ substituted with a cycloalkyl group which may contain a hetero atom in the ring; or a carbamoyl-lower alkyl group, in which the carbamoyl group may be substituted with one or two of a lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or an aryl-lower alkyl group, wherein said lower alkyl portion of said lower alkyl group, hydroxy-lower alkyl group, carboxy-lower alkyl group, halogeno-lower alkyl group, amino-lower alkyl group, azido-lower alkyl group, aryl-lower alkyl group, and carbamoyl-lower alkyl group may contain a hetero atom, which is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur;

D represents a hydrogen atom[[],];

F represents a group of formula (4):

(4)



wherein G and H each represent phenyl group, and I represents hydrogen atom or hydroxyl group[[],];

X represents an interatomic bond, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, and

Y represents an alkylene group having 2 or 3 carbon atoms.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein A represents a group of formula (2) and X represents an interatomic bond.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3, wherein B represents carboxyl group or a group of formula (3).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3, wherein C and E may be the same or different from each other and each represent a lower alkyl group, ~~a lower alkyl group substituted with a cyclic alkyl group, which may contain a hetero atom in the ring,~~ a hydroxy-lower alkyl group, an aryl-lower alkyl group, a pyridyl-lower alkyl group, or a furyl-lower alkyl group.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 5, wherein A represents a group of formula (2) wherein R^1 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 each represent hydrogen atom and R^2 represents chlorine atom, bromine atom, iodine atom, nitro group or cyano group, C and E may be the same or different from each other, and they each represent methyl group, ethyl group, ~~a lower alkyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group which may contain a hetero atom in the ring,~~ a hydroxy-lower alkyl group,

an aryl-lower alkyl group, a pyridyl-lower alkyl group, or a furyl-lower alkyl group, and I represents hydrogen atom.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 6, wherein B represents carboxyl group.

Claims 8 and 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3, wherein C represents hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, dimethoxymethyl group, cyano group, a hydroxy-lower alkyl group, a halogeno-lower alkyl group, an amino-lower alkyl group (in which the amino group may be substituted with one or two of a lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group and an aryl-lower alkyl group), an azido-lower alkyl group, an aryl group, a pyridyl group, a furyl group, an aryl-lower alkyl group, a pyridyl-lower alkyl group, a furyl-lower alkyl group, ~~a lower alkyl group substituted with a cyclic alkyl group (which may contain a hetero atom in the ring)~~ or a carbamoyl-lower alkyl group (in which the carbamoyl group may be substituted with one or two of a lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group and an aryl-lower alkyl group), and E represents methyl group, ethyl group, a lower alkoxymethyl group, a hydroxy-lower alkoxymethyl group, an aryl-lower alkoxymethyl group, a pyridyl-lower alkoxymethyl group, or a furyl-lower alkoxymethyl group, ~~or a lower alkoxymethyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group (which may contain a hetero atom in the ring).~~

Claim 11 (previously presented): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10 wherein B represents carboxyl group.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1 wherein A represents a group of formula (2), C and E may be the same or different from each other, and they each represent a lower alkyl group, ~~a lower alkyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group, which may contain a hetero atom in the ring,~~ an aryl-lower alkyl group, a pyridyl-lower alkyl group, a furyl-lower alkyl group, or a hydroxy-lower alkyl group, and X represents an interatomic bond.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12, wherein B represents carboxyl group.

Claim 14-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1 and an inert carrier.

Claims 21-23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3 and an inert carrier.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 12 and an inert carrier.

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (previously presented): A dihydropyridine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein said pyridyl-lower alkyl group is a pyridylmethyl group, and said pyridyl-lower alkoxyethyl group is a 2-(2-pyridyl)ethoxyethyl group, a 2-(3-pyridyl)ethoxyethyl group, or a 2-(4-pyridyl)ethoxyethyl group.

Claims 28-30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 20, wherein said pyridyl-lower alkyl group is a pyridylmethyl group, and said pyridyl-lower alkoxyethyl group is a 2-(2-pyridyl)ethoxyethyl group, a 2-(3-pyridyl)ethoxyethyl group, or a 2-(4-pyridyl)ethoxyethyl group.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 20, wherein C is a 2-piperidinoethoxyethyl group, a pyrrolidinoethoxyethyl group, a morpholinoethoxyethyl group, a pyridinoethoxyethyl group, or a trifluoromethyl group.

Claims 33 and 34 (canceled).